

St James Mar Thoma Church UK.

A Parish of the Mar Thoma Syrian Church of Malabar
Diocese of North America and Europe.



ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS. 2018 - 2019

REGISTERED OFFICE: Mar Thoma Centre, 167 Avery Hill Road, London SE9 2EX.

Registered Charity: 1059210

Member of the Churches Together in England.

Member of Churches Together in Britain and Ireland.

ST. JAMES MAR THOMA CHURCH U.K

A parish of The Mar Thoma Syrian Church

Diocese of North America and Europe

Registered Charity No.1059210

Member of the Churches Together in England

Member of the Churches Together in Britain & Ireland

www.marthomachurch.org.uk

ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS 2018 - 2019

CONTENTS

	<u>Page</u>
Notice of Annual General Meeting	2
Annual Report	3-18
Independent Examiner's Report	19
Statement of Financial Activities	20
Balance Sheet	21
Notes to the Accounts	22
The following pages are for private circulation only	
List of expenses incurred exceeding budget 2018/19	27
Budget forecast 2019 - 2020	28



ST. JAMES MAR THOMA CHURCH U.K

NOTICE OF GENERAL BODY MEETING

To all Members of the General Body,

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Body meeting of St James Mar Thoma Church UK will be held on Sunday, 21st July 2019, 12.30 pm, (after Holy Communion service) at St Katharine Cree Church, 86 Leadenhall Street, London EC3A 3DH to transact the following business.

1. To receive and adopt the Annual Report for the year 2018/19.
2. To approve expense exceeding budget 2018/19.
3. To receive and adopt the audited Annual Accounts for the year 2018/19.
4. To receive approve the Budget for the year 2019/20
5. To confirm the appointment of the Executive Committee members for 2019/20 as required by the charity commission.
6. Nominate authorising officer and Key contact for UKBA.
7. Election of auditor for 2019/20.
8. Building project update.
9. Any other business with the prior permission of the Chair (see note below)
10. Adoption of Minutes.

-sd-

Noble Mathew

Hon. Secretary

Note forming part of the notice:

- The Annual Report, Accounts and Budget will be sent by Email 15th July 2019. If you have any trouble in receiving the emails or prefer to have a hard copy of these documents, please get in touch with the Secretary or the Vicar by 14th July 2019
- If any member is interested in bringing up any item under the item "Any other business", Please contact the Vicar in writing before 5pm, Thursday 18th July 2019.

Questions and clarification that should be answered by reference to the record should be notified in writing to the Secretary or Vicar before 5pm Thursday 18th July 2019.

ST. JAMES MAR THOMA CHURCH – UK

Annual Report 1st April 2018 – 31st March 2019

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future". Jeremiah 29: 11

Introduction.

Let us thank the Lord Almighty for His guidance, Grace and Mercy we have experienced as a parish through out the last year and glorify His name for his faithfulness. On behalf of the Executive Committee, I present the Annual Report of our Parish for the year 2018 -19.

In United Kingdom, BREXIT continue to dominate the politics and brings with it political and economic uncertainty. In India, we witnessed the largest exercise in democratic election world have seen. The world continues to face environmental catastrophes due to climate change. Kerala faced the biggest floods in living memory last August and the small state had to deal with unprecedented disruption to human life, property and infrastructure. Protectionism and nationalism seem to be on the rise worldwide. Minorities are being persecuted for their religious beliefs and cultural identity. In the midst of uncertainty, intolerance and fear, it is our Christian duty to express solidarity with those who are oppressed and bring hope to those who fear for their future.

During the report year, by the grace of God, we were able to worship in unity and in peace and security. In January 2017, we received the planning permission from Royal Borough of Greenwich to develop the Mar Thoma Centre as a place of worship as well as a multi use facility and a new parsonage. Later that year, our Metropolitan, Most Rev Dr Joseph Mar Thoma, together with the diocesan bishop, Rt. Rev Dr Isaac Mar Philoxenos Episcopa, laid the foundation stone. In March 2019, having completed optimization of the plans and minor amendments to the approved plan, we were able to start the construction. This is the answer to our collective prayers and effort over the last ten years.

We were able to maintain a cordial relationship with the Guild Council of St Katharine Cree Church and to have the use St Katharine Cree Church, in the heart of the City of London, under licence, as our primary place of worship.

Historical Perspective.

St. James Mar Thoma Church - UK (hereafter referred to as St. James) is a Parish of The Mar Thoma Syrian Church of Malabar, in the Diocese of North America and Europe, which has its head office in Thiruvalla, Kerala, India.

The Mar Thoma Syrian Church of Malabar founded by Saint Thomas in AD 52. The Mar Thoma Church defines itself as "Apostolic in origin and succession, Universal in nature, Biblical in faith, Evangelical in principle, Ecumenical in outlook, Oriental in worship, Democratic in function, Episcopal in character". It is a missionary church furthering peace and justice exemplified in our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, begotten Son of God. The Mar Thoma Church is member of the World Council of Churches.

The Mar Thoma worship in the UK started in 1957. St James Parish continues to worship in Central London as a continuation of the worship started in Central London in the fifties and meet the needs of members residing in London and the Home Counties.

Mar Thoma Church UK and Europe Zone.

Effective from 1st of January 2018, the parishes and congregations in UK and Europe were formed as an independent entity within North America and Europe diocese of the Mar Thoma Church. The council of the Mar Thoma parishes in Europe continues as a unique instrument for the coordination and administration of the activities of the parishes within the newly formed zone.

The inauguration of the Zone was held on 9th June 2018 at Coton Green Church, Tamworth, Staffordshire. His Grace the Metropolitan, Most Rev Dr Joseph Mar Thoma inaugurated the UK and Europe Zone of Mar Thoma Church. A public meeting followed the inauguration and was presided by the Diocesan Bishop, Rt Rev Dr Isaac Mar Philoxenos Episcopa and attended by bishops and clergy of sister churches, Ecumenical bodies and Consul and Head of chancery of Indian High Commission. Over 1000 Marthomites attended the meeting representing the parishes of UK and Europe.

Mission and Object.

The object and mission of the Church is to keep and safeguard the faith as revealed by Christ and taught by the Apostles, to promote the spiritual life of the faithful through the administration of the sacraments and the preaching of the word. St. James Parish provides its members with regular worship services in accordance with the traditions of the Mar Thoma Syrian Church of Malabar; provides pastoral care and organises activities to promote the spiritual life of its members; enhances the ecumenical relationship within the local community and Churches: provides financial support for evangelistic and charitable work in the United Kingdom and abroad, especially India.

St. James Mar Thoma Church – is a Registered Charity in the United Kingdom (Charity Reg. No: 1059210.)

The registered office is: Mar Thoma Centre, 167 Avery Hill Road, London SE9 2EX.

The Parish and Membership

During the report year, with the cooperation of members, the executive committee and especially the Vicar Rev Stanley Thomas, we were able to keep the parish register current.

As per the register, there are 169 families. All members over the age of 18 years and who partakes in the Holy Communion and provide financial support constitute the general body of the Parish. The electoral roll of the parish currently stands at 398.

Vicar

Rev Stanley Thomas was appointed as our new Vicar from 1st of May 2016. Stanley Achen, Sheeja Kochamma and children Zaina Rose and Zac Ayden joined us on 14th July 2016. On 30th April 2019, Achen will be completing his 3-year appointment as Vicar of St James,

During the last 3 years of Achen's tenure, the parish have witnessed significant progress in its spiritual, physical, and organizational growth. Achen has taken an active interest to get to know and understand the needs of all sections of the membership, prayer groups and organisations and provided effective leadership. As part of his pastoral duties, Achen has reached out to members who reside outside London and the Home Counties. The progress we have made with the redevelopment of the Mar Thoma centre and the successful start of the building project is a testament to Achen's efforts and prayers.

Executive Committee (Trustees of the Charity)

The members of the Executive Committee (EC) during the year 2018-19 and their appointing body where appropriate are as follows:

The Vicar of St. James Parish also holds the position of the President and all organisations. With the exception of the President and the representatives to the Sabha Mandalam and the Diocesan Assembly, all the other members are elected by the general body or appointed by their respective organisations on an annual basis. The representatives to the Sabha Mandalam and the Diocesan Assembly of the parent church are elected, and the terms of office to these bodies are for a period of three years.

1.	Rev Stanley Thomas	President	Appointed
2.	Dr K John	Vice-President	Elected
3.	Mr Noble Mathew	Secretary/Mandalam member	Elected/Nominated
4.	Mr Geogy Varughese	Treasurer	Elected
5.	Mr Reji Mathew	Accountant	Elected
6.	Mr Sajjan V Mathai	Lay Leader (Malayalam)	Elected
7.	Mr Anil Mathew	Lay Leader (English)	Elected
8.	Mr Alex P Sam	Sabha Mandalam	Elected
9.	Mr Alex Mammootill	Diocesan (zonal) Assembly	Elected
10.	Mrs Jessy Mathew	Edavaka Mission	Elected
11.	Mrs Shiby Varughese	Sevika Sangham	Elected
12.	Mrs Sherine George	Sunday School	Elected
13.	Mr Aji Chacko	Choir	Elected
14.	Mr Ashwin Chacko	Youth League	Elected
15.	Mr PK Edison	East London & Essex	Elected
16.	Mr Davis John	South London	Elected
17.	Mrs Joyce Thomas	North & West London	Elected
18.	Mr Rajan M Chacko	South East London	Elected
19.	Mr Linoy Cherian	Kent	Elected
20.	Mr Abraham Isaac	Ipswich	Elected
21.	Mr Aji Cherian	Bury St Edmunds	Elected
22.	Mrs Shanty Thomas	Zonal assembly	Nominated

The Executive Committee met 14 times during the year to discuss and deliberate on the day-to-day matters of the Parish as well as to execute the decisions of the General Body.

General Body Meetings.

The annual general body meeting (AGM) was held on Sunday 7th July 2018 to receive and approve the annual report and accounts for the year 2017-18 and to receive and approve the budget for 2018 – 19. The general body approved the annual report and accounts for 2017 - 18 and passed the budget for 2018 -19.

The general body met on 24th February 2019 and elected the Office Bearers and Auditors for the 2019/20.

Dr K John	Vice President
Mr Noble Mathew	Secretary
Mr PK Edison	Accountant
Mr Shiju Thomas	Treasurer
Mr Sajan V Mathai	Lay Leader (Malayalam)
Mr Ashwin Chacko	Lay Leader (English)

Auditors Messer's: Anil A Mathew and Thomas R Chacko

In addition, two general body meetings were held during the report year.

The general body met on 18th November 2018 and elected convenor and 4 additional members to the building committee to execute the approved plans for the redevelopment of the Mar Thoma Centre.

The general body met on 20th Jan 2019 and approved the resolution to increase the loan amount from Bank of India from previously approved £800,000.00 to £980,000.00.

Reserves Policy

St James shall set aside reserves to provide financial stability and the means to sustain, improve and develop its mission and objects. As the flow of income is not uniform, reserves need to be set aside to meet expenses that are irregular in pattern. The Executive Committee has determined that the approximate level of free reserves should be equivalent to four months expenditure, approximately £40,000. For various reasons, we were not able to fully maintain this level of reserves. As result of actions taken, we were able to make some progress on our reserves. Continued effort is needed.

Financial Update

St James is wholly dependent on the voluntary contributions of members and well wishers. We are greatly indebted for their financial support. The full income and expenditure statement for the year 2018/19 and the balance sheet are attached. It is pleasing to note that our various collections, including stewardship contributions have increased. Whilst this is welcome news, we have a significant way to go before we can get to the level of reserves we need to have for the smooth running of the affairs of the parish, meet various financial obligations and to fund redevelopment of the Mar Thoma Centre, New Eltham.

During the financial year under review, we have secured a mortgage loan/draw down (subject to completion of bank formalities) facility with Bank of India for the sum of £980,000.00 to fund the redevelopment Mar Thoma Centre.

Risk Management

The Executive Committee have, from time to time, examined the major operational risks which the parish faces and confirms that systems have been established to enable regular review of steps that can be taken to reduce these risks. Risk management is reviewed and discussed at Executive Committee meetings. A Health and Safety Policy has been adopted and a manual, which is updated and maintained at the Mar Thoma Centre.

Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS)

We have adopted a policy, based on the requirements of the Children Act 1989, which is monitored and reviewed annually. DBS checks are being carried out on all individuals who take responsibility for children's activities.

General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR).

The GDPR came into to law on 25th May 2018. In compliance with the requirements St James have established GDPR policy in April 2018. All trustees have been briefed on the regulation and their responsibilities to be in compliance with the policy.

Worship Services

Sunday Worship services were held mainly at St. Katharine Cree Church. During the year a total of 55 Holy Communion services were conducted. On average 150 people attend the service and on average 80 people received communion. In addition, 5 divine services were conducted during the year. On special occasions and in conjunction with other activities, Holy Communion and Worship services were conducted at Mar Thoma Centre, New Eltham. Holy Communion services were also conducted at regional centres in Ipswich during the year.

Area Prayer Groups

The Parish is currently made up of 7 prayers groups namely: South London, East London and Essex, North West London, Bury St. Edmunds, Kent, Ipswich, and South East London. The prayer groups meet once a month for Bible study, praise and intercessory prayers. Achen provided leadership to the prayers meetings. In addition, each prayer group have elected prayer leader to assist Achen with arrangements. Prayer groups also elected a treasurer to manage the offertory and any other special collection the groups may decide. These fellowships are a source of strength and enrichment to the lives of members both children and adults.

Special Services

Special services were also conducted on Christmas Day, Parish Day, Family Sunday, Diocesan Sunday, Edavaka mission Sunday, Sevika Sangham Day, Youth Sunday, World Sunday School Day, Choir Sunday, Senior Citizens Day, and Student Thanksgiving Day during the respective Sundays as per the church calendar. In addition, Vidhyarampam blessing was also conducted.

Great Lent and Passion Week

St James observed Great Lent through Sandhya Namsakaram/prayer meetings leading up to Passion Week. The report year started with Easter Sunday service (1st April 2018). All services were well attended and a time of meditation, reflection and remembrance.

Watch Night Service

Watch night service was held on New Year's Eve at St Katharine Cree with commencement of Holy Communion at an earlier time of 9pm. It was also an occasion of thanksgiving, praise, testimony, and worship. It was well attended.

Family Sunday

As part of family Sunday program, a family get together/seminar was held on Saturday, 20th October at Mar Thoma Centre, New Eltham. Rev. Fr. Joseph Mathew, Research Fellow, King's College, London, was the main speaker and guest of honour. Fr. Joseph spoke on the theme "Being of my generation in today's family culture: Choices, Constraints, Conclusions. His talk was based on Deuteronomy. 30: 15 - 20. Special prayer of family dedication was said during the Holy Communion service on Sunday 21st October. Fr. Joseph gave the message during the service. Tithe offering was collected during the service.

Parish Day and Convention.

The Parish Day and annual convention was held from 23rd to 25th November 2018. Rev Sam T Koshy achen was the main speaker and guest of honour. The theme for the three day convention was "Family is the focus - God of Generations. On 23rd and 24th November the convention sessions were held at Mar Thoma Centre, New Eltham. On Sunday, 25th November, Parish day was celebrated with Holy Communion, followed by Parish day program and final session of the convention. As part of the parish day a session of the convention was also held at Ipswich on Sunday, 25th November evening. All sessions were well attended and a blessing to the members. One day income offering was collected during the service.

Liturgical singing.

The liturgical singing, a new initiative to improve participation and encourage learning songs from the liturgy, traditional hymns and new songs from the Maramon convention was held on 31st March 2019. The prayer groups presented selected songs from the above category. The choir leadership and area representatives took the leadership to organise the event. It was a most enjoyable afternoon and we congratulate all participants and the organisers.

Harvest Festival.

The Harvest Festival was held on Saturday 7th July 2018, at the Mar Thoma Centre New Eltham. Over the years the Harvest Festival has evolved to be an event both young and old look forward to with great enthusiasm.

The day began with the thanksgiving worship and formal opening of the event by auctioning of the fruit basket. Councillor Philip Abraham was the chief guest and inaugurated the program.

This was followed by the sale of variety of freshly cooked Kerala delicacies. The event also served as live demonstration of how to prepare items such as masala dosa, appam & stew, fusion noodles. All these activities were lead by the members of the Sevika Sangham. Members of the Youth league provided the entertainment and indoor games. The bouncing castle kept the children entertained. It was a glorious and successful day in terms of attendance, participation, and fund raising. We have also received £1000.00 from Barclays Bank Plc., from their employee volunteering scheme.

The sale of raffle tickets as part of the fund raising initiative of Harvest festival was held at a later date with the draw took place in December 2018.

Metropolitan and Episcopal Visits.

Our beloved Metropolitan, Most Rev Dr Joseph Mar Thoma visited the parish in June 2018. Thirumeni celebrated Holy Communion on Sunday, 17th June. A meeting was held after the service to felicitate the Metropolitan on the Diamond Jubilee of his priestly ordination and his grace's 88th birthday.

Rt Rev Dr Abraham Mar Paulos Episcopa visited the parish on Sunday, 27th May 2018 and celebrated Holy Communion. Thirumeni also led the service for 1st communicants and dedication service of altar boys.

Both the visits by the Metropolitan and Paulos Thirumeni were a source of great blessing and encouragement for the members of the Parish.

First Communicants dedication service.

First communicants classes were conducted and 13 of our teenagers attended the classes and received Holy Communion from Rt. Rev Dr Abraham Mar Paulos, Episcopa and became communicant members of the church.

Christmas 2018

The Carol Service was held on Sunday 9th December 2018. The Very Rev VT John, Vicar General, was the chief guest. Achen delivered the Christmas message. It was a beautiful service of carols led by our talented and dedicated senior and junior choir. The Sunday school children presented the nativity story with new and contemporary themes. We appreciate and extend our gratitude to the choir leadership and choir members, Sunday school teachers and the children for their dedication and hard work.

In addition to the Carol Service, on 23rd December 2018, we held "Christmas Bells", which was an initiative of the choir. It was a Christmas get-together to encourage participation of the membership. Prayer groups as well as the Parish choir presented beautiful carols and readings reflecting the Saviour's birth and sharing what Christmas meant to them. It was a great afternoon of fellowship, true to the spirit of Christmas.

Carol Rounds

As part of the Christmas celebrations, house-to-house carol rounds were arranged. Carolers together with the Vicar visited homes of our members in London and Home Counties of Middlesex, Berkshire, Buckinghamshire, Essex, Kent, and Suffolk during the weeks leading to Christmas. The rounds started on 30th November and completed on 23rd December. It was an opportunity to proclaim the Good News of Christmas through songs, messages, and prayer.

Mission and Evangelism

Helping those in need is a demonstration of our faith. During the year under review, we were able to support various missionary activities and lend a helping hand to those in need. Especially, we were able to support the flood relief efforts in Kerala.

Through the generous support of our members we were able to support the following Charities and Charitable projects and Institutions in India and here in UK.

They include the following in UK.

1. Notting hill housing charity
2. Children Charity

The following Charities in India were supported

1. Metropolitan's fund in support for dialysis patients.

The above are in addition to the regular support of various projects of the Mar Thoma Church and institutions. Parish auxiliary organisations also support various mission activities and the details are highlighted in their respective reports under the heading church organisations.

Ecumenical Relations.

We are members of the Churches together in England (CTE) and the Churches together in Britain and Ireland (CTBI). Our membership is through the diocese as Mar Thoma Church. Our Vicar and laypersons represent the church at various committees, ecumenical bodies, and initiatives.

Mar Thoma Centre, New Eltham

The Mar Thoma Centre (MTC) in New Eltham continues to be a blessing not just for our members but also for the community as a whole. Many local sports and community groups make use of the facility.

During the year 2018-2019, until it's demolition as part of the redevelopment, the Centre was used for conducting the VBS, Harvest Festival, worship services and special events. The sessions of our annual Parish Convention were held at the MTC.

Mar Thoma Centre Redevelopment plans, New Eltham.

Report from the Building Committee (BC), SJMTC for the year 2018 -19.

During the year under review, the BC was able to make rapid progress in developing the approved plan to enhance the worship space and optimising functionality of the multi-use space and the parsonage. Also, working with the architects, structural engineers, mechanical and electrical engineers, quantity surveyors and building control developed full building specifications, including materials, method of construction and finishes. Based on the full specification, invited tenders from potential builders for the redevelopment of the Mar Thoma Centre.

Planning application for minor amendments to the approved plans was successfully submitted to the local planning authority (Royal Borough of Greenwich).

After careful review of the bids and in consultation architect and quantity surveyor, Davis construction (southeast) Ltd was awarded the contract for the redevelopment of the Mar Thoma centre.

As part of the redevelopment plan, the existing structure was demolished in December 2018 and Davis construction taken possession of the site on 18th March 2019. After site set-up, on 25th March 2019, after a short prayer service on site, the construction work started.

I am happy to report that the construction is progressing as per schedule and target date for completion is November 2019.

Membership of the building committee are as follows: Dr K John, Vice President, Noble Mathew, Secretary, Trustees: Geogy Varughese and Reji Mathew, Siby Thomas, Alex P Sam, Agi A Thomas, Cyril John, Anil A Mathew and PK Edison. Dr Clarence C Matthai served as the convenor of building committee till February 2019.

Marriage.

During the report year four banns of marriage were published and Desakuri (no objection certificates) and one letter of transfer were issued to the following members.

Mr Sijo Jacob Chacko who married Miss Marine Mathukutty on 23rd August 2018.

Mr Thomas R Chacko who married Miss Princy Thomas on 20th August 2018.

Miss Anugraha Ann Varughese who married Mr Cijo M Varghese on 29th December 2018

Miss Libby Anna Abraham who married Mr Easaw Alexander on 31st December 2018.

Miss Camilla Catharine Louis who married Mr Aji David Samuel on 31st December 2018.

All marriages were solemnised in their respective home/host parishes in India.

We congratulate the newly married couples and wish them long and happy married life.

Baptisms

During the report year the following child was baptised:

Eliza Ann John, Daughter of Drs Phiby and Jagan John was baptised on 16th June 2018.

We welcome the newly baptised child to the Christian family and pray for her physical and spiritual growth.

Obituary

Two of our members were called to eternal abode in the report year.

Mrs Leelamma Philip, wife of late Mr Philip Mathew, Cambridge, passed away on 11th June 2018. Mrs Philip was one of the early settlers, who came to UK in August 1968, joining her husband. The Mar Thoma church was always very important in her life and attended church regularly and supported the activities of church. The funeral service was conducted on 13th July 2018 at St John the Evangelist's church, Cambridge and burial at Cambridge City cemetery.

Master Nathan Abraham, son of Mr Abraham Chacko and Mrs Saumya Abraham, Sutton, Surrey, passed away on 13th July 2018 after a brave fight against cancer. A viewing and 1st part of funeral service was held on 18th July 2019 at St Josephs RC Church, Colliers wood, London and the body was repatriated to Kerala India. The funeral took place on 22nd July 2019 at Jerusalem Mar Thoma Church, Kottayam, Kerala.

We give thanks to God Almighty for the life and the love they shared. We place on record our condolences to their respective families.

House Blessing.

During the year under review several of our members have acquired new homes and the Vicar have conducted house blessing services.

Church Organisations

All the organisations of our Parish functioned effectively to further the mission of our church. St James Parish places on record our sincere thanks to the office bearers, committee members and volunteers of these organisers for their dedication and hard work. Summary organisational activities are given below.

Sunday school

"Train a child in the way he should go: and when he is old he will not depart from it"
Proverbs 22: 6

We thank almighty for all the blessings that He had showered upon our Sunday school children and teachers in enabling the children to be closer to God in faith and practice during the year under review.

Administration

The Administration staff for the year 2018 /19 were elected on 10th June 2018 were as follows:

Headmistress: Mrs Sherine George	Treasurer: Mrs Susan Mathew
Secretary: Mrs Anu Mathew	Auditor: Mrs Libby Abraham

Sunday School curriculum and classes.

There were 63 children registered during 2018-19, of which 45-50 children attended the classes regularly every Sunday under the guidance and training of 20 teachers. Classes were held from 9.30am – 10.15am.

The St James MTC Sunday School this year followed the curriculum provided by the Diocese of North America and Europe. We began our Sunday school with prayer followed by a singing session. The classes were divided into Nursery, Kindergarten, and Grade1 to Grade11/12.

Sunday school students taken turn by area prayer groups assisted in the worship service by collecting the offertory and also assisted the Vicar during service as altar boys.

Activities held during 2018 -19

- The Sunday school calendar year started with Students and Teachers dedication.
- VBS 2018 of our Church was held from 31st May, 1st, 2nd & 3rd June 2018 at the Mar Thoma Centre, New Eltham. The theme for VBS 2018 was **“Transformers”** based on Romans 12:2.
- 45 children attended the World Sunday School Day (WSSD) hosted by Peterborough Mar Thoma Sunday School for the Europe Region on the 3rdth November 2018. The children from our Sunday school presented a skit and a song.
- WSSD was celebrated on 4th November 2018 in our church with children leading and assisting in the service.
- Various planned annual competitions were also held for the children (Art, drawing, Singing, Elocution, Bible Reading and Memory Verses) from Jan – April 2019.
- The Sunday school students actively participated in the Christmas Carol Service held on 9th December 2018 show casing various programmes.
- SS Annual Exam was held in July 2018.

Choir

The Choir is an integral part of the worship service of our Church and plays a very active role in assisting the vicar and leading the worship services, special services and events which include the Parish Convention & Parish Day, Christmas service, Watch Night service and Passion Week services.

St James choir is affiliated with DSMC and has a strength of 36 choir members, 16 males and 20 females.

This year the General Body agreed to the formation of the Junior Choir and approved a maximum size membership of 20.

The following members served as office bearers for the year 2018 – 19.

Choir Leader: Mr. Aji Chacko	Choir Secretary: Mr. Cyril John
Joint Choir Leader: Mr. Sandy George	Treasurer: Ms. Tina Susan Paul

Carol Service.

The Christmas Carol Service was held on 9th December 2018 at the St Katherine Cree Church. The Chief guest for the day was **Very Rev. V.T. John , (Vicar of Sinai Mar Thoma church)** and he inspired us with a refreshing and thought-provoking Christmas message. The choir presented 6 new carols, 4 Malayalam and 2 English. The Junior Choir put in yet another stellar performance and this has been appreciated by all the congregation.

Christmas Bells.

Christmas Bells is an annual event organized by the choir focusing on the theme of Christmas. This event gave opportunities to the area prayer groups to showcase their musical talents in which they sang Christmas carols. This year, Christmas Bells was held on the 23rd December 2018 at St. Katherine Cree Church immediately after the service.

Four prayer groups took part in the event. The presentations were commendable and we had very good reviews from the congregation.

Our choir once again took initiative to introduce a event, the Liturgical Singing, and it was held on 31st March 2019 at St. Katherine Cree church after the service.

Europe Zonal Inauguration

Our Vicar **Rev. Stanley Thomas** was in-charge of the UK – Europe Zonal Choir and our choir members were represented in the combined Jubilee Choir.

Junior Choir

Junior Choir audition was held on September 9th 2018 and were able to elect 13 junior choir members, the split being 5 male and 8 female junior choir members.

This was a great platform for the young children to begin their journey into learning and singing and to be part of the main choir. With regular practise sessions, the Junior Choir support for our English services every month.

Conclusion

It has been an amazing year filled with opportunities to praise the Lord Almighty. The feedback on each and every program that the choir participated has been wonderful. This is the result of time and talent of the dedicated membership, the support of their families and parents.

We as a Choir are committed to praise God. Let us all continue to sing, praise and worship God and be part of this fellowship that works together with unity for the glory of God.

Edavaka (Parish) Mission

St. James Marthoma Church Edavaka mission is based on the motto "Every Marthomite is an evangelist". Intercessory prayer, Christian fellowship, house visits and testimony are all part of this calling, this year we carried out this duty and maintained the spiritual growth of our church. Over the year our Edavaka Mission is coming into its own by the grace of the almighty and under the powerful leadership of our vicar Stanley Achen.

Office bears and committee members for 2018/ 2019 were:

Vice President: Mr. Alex Louise	Secretary: Mrs. Jessy Mathew
Treasurer: Mrs. Shiney Alex	Auditor: Mr. Varughese Mathew

In the financial year 2018-19 the Edavaka Mission was able to meet the mission calling by conducting the following activities:

1. Every 3rd Sunday we conducted a monthly prayer meeting with the leadership of each area prayer group. They took the initiative in the following aspects; prayer, bible reading, testimony and sermon.
2. Intercessory Prayer: Edavaka Mission members regularly meet for prayer before Sunday worship and pray for all church activities, senior citizens, for those who are suffering with health issues and families going through troubles and for our younger generations.
3. Bible Study: What's app Bible study and devotional material shared to all members.
4. House Visiting: Visited and prayed for the senior citizens, families in bereavement and those suffering with health problems.
5. Fasting Prayer: Fasting prayer held at Dr. John's house under the leadership of Stanley Achen on 16/03/19. Zonal Edavaka Mission Secretary Bro. Sajeeve Daniel lead the intercessory prayer and shared the word of God. It was a blessing for all those who attended.
6. Senior Citizen Sunday: Edavaka Mission took initiative to organise Senior Citizen Sunday on 16/09/18. Senior Citizens from our church assisted in the Holy communion service.
7. Edavaka Mission Sunday: We celebrated Edavaka Mission Sunday on 7/10/18, the Edavaka mission members participated in leading the holy communion service including participating in the Edavaka mission choir.
8. Annual convention: Edavaka Mission took the lead in organising the annual three-day Parish Convention held on 23, 24, and 25 November 2018. We led the praise and worship session with a specially formed choir by Edavaka Mission members.

We had a blessed year, upheld by God's mighty hand and we pray for his continued blessings in the days to come.

Suvishesha Sevika Sangham (The Women's Mission)

"Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. (Philippians 4:6)

Sevika Sangham has been fully functional during the year under review. Through regular meetings, special events and by participation of the various parish events, Sevika Sangham had very active year. We are grateful to Lord Almighty for his grace and mercy and thank Stanley achen for his leadership and guidance.

Office bearers:

Vice President: Dr Elsy John	Secretary: Mrs. Shiby Varughese
Treasurer: Mrs. Joyce Thomas	Auditor: Mrs. Anu Mathew

Summary of Activities:

Prayer, Meetings and support activities.

Sevika Sangham hold regular monthly meetings. The monthly meetings are held on first Sunday of every month. Meetings are led by Achen and some times by Sevika Sangham members. These meetings are a source of spiritual nourishment, learning and intercessory prayers.

Chain prayer is organised on alternate Fridays starting at 5.30 am to 10.30pm through the year. The chain prayer has proved to be an effective way for members to intercede and pray for the needs of the parish and also those requested prayers and special needs.

Sevika Sangham members are active in providing moral support to each other and families and individuals in need by visiting the sick, supporting the needy, through prayer and comforting the bereaved.

Zonal meetings:

Sevika Sangham members have participated in the Mar Thoma UK and Europe zonal inauguration. The function was held on 9th June 2018 in Tamworth, UK. Ten of St James Sevika Sangham members participated in the choir, which was formed as part of the centenary celebration.

Two of our members have taken up leadership role in the zone. Mrs Shiby Varughese was elected as the Zonal Secretary for UK & Europe Mar Thoma zone. Mrs Shilu Mary Abraham was elected as the joint secretary to south zone Sevika Sangham.

Mar Thoma Suvishesha Sevika Sangham centenary event:

As part of the Sevika Sangham centenary celebration a "World Mar Thoma Women's Meet" was held in Maramon, Kerala, on 9th February 2019. This event was attended by five of our Sevika Sangham members. We are proud that our parish was well represented in this historic event. The UK & Europe zone Sevika Sangham also received a great honor during the centenary celebration. Mrs. Shiby Varughese Sevika Sangham (Zonal Secretary, UK & Europe Zone) had the privilege to receive the copy of "History of Sevika Sangham" book on the release of its publication as part of the centenary kit.

Sevika Sangham day

Sevika Sangham day was organised on 9th September 2018. The chosen theme was Theme: ***Women – partners in God's Liberation (Rom 16:1-16).***

The Sevika Sangham choir performed under the leadership of Mrs Joyce Thomas and Sevika Sangham members participated in assisting and leading the service for the Sunday Holy Qurbana service on the Sevika Sangham day. The sermon was delivered by Mrs Mini Philip an upcoming talented speaker from Sevika Sangham (SJMTTC).

Charity:

As per the decision of Sevika Sangham general body, £5000 was given to the parish in support of the Mar Thoma Centre redevelopment project.

A food sale was conducted on 9th September 2018 and raised £3205 in support of the Kerala flood relief.

St James sevika sangham also provided financial support to various central sevika sangham activities such as one rupee a day collection centenary project, annual Deppi collection, and Education fund.

The Sevika sangham extend valuable and dedicated service to the smooth running of the parish and support all it's activities and the parish greatly appreciate Sevika Sangham's support.

Youth League.

“Don’t let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith and in purity.” 1 Timothy 4:12

We give thanks to God – Most Gracious, Most Merciful for His thorough guidance through this last year of the St James Mar Thoma Youth League (SJMTCY).

Administration

The following members were elected and served as office bearers for the year 2018-2019

Vice President	Mr. Sijo Chacko
Secretary	Mr. Ashwin Chacko
Joint Secretary	Mrs. Rashmi Thomas
Treasurer	Mr. Thomas Chacko

Summary of activities

In the last year there were 67 registered youths who regularly attended the various worship and meetings held within the year. The SJMTCYL regularly meets on every 2nd Sunday of the month. Various activities were undertaken in the Parish and the Youths have supported them.

- *Worship services including Youth Sunday*
 - The Youth’s regularly participate every Sunday for the liturgical services (Holy communion, Divine and any special days) as required by the Church.
- *Youth meetings*
 - In the last year a total of 11 meetings were held covering areas as Bible studies, Liturgy and traditions, Prayer meetings, Career guidance and Current affairs.
- *Youth Retreat*
 - A 1-day afternoon retreat was held on 28th April at Mar Thoma Centre, Eltham with games and bbq.
- *Harvest Festival*
 - The youths supported the parish in running the Harvest festival by running the games and drinks counter.
- *VBS*
 - The Youth League members volunteer for VBS supporting it in its efficient running and arrangements.
- *Family Badminton tournament*
 - The youths successfully organised and ran the annual badminton tournament. Various members participated with fervour and prizes were distributed.
- *Christmas Carol Rounds*
 - The Youths actively participate in the church carol rounds supporting to spread the Christmas cheer among the Parish members.
- *Kerala Flood Relief*
 - Due to severe floods in Kerala the Youth League actively participated in the Mar Thoma Sabha efforts for arranging relief. A total of £2000 was raised for this event
- *Navjeevan Mumbai*
 - Mrs. Anisha Varughese supported the Zonal initiative of offsite charity by volunteering 2 weeks at Navjeevan, Mumbai.

In addition, the SJMTC Youth League have also supported the Youth Conference, Zonal Meet, South Centre Meet and Halo 2018.

This year the youth were recognised for the following events and trophies were presented to the team as Runners up for - Antakshiri

Visitors

During the year under review the following guests blessed us with their presence and messages.

Most Rev Dr Joseph Mar Thoma Metropolitan.

Rt Rev Dr Abraham Mar Paulos Episcopa.

Very Rev VT John

Rev. T S Thomas

Rev. Jacob Mathew

Rev. Sijo John

Rev. Sam T Koshy

Rev. Prince Koruth

Rev. Mathew Joseph

Rev. Shijoy A Zachariah

Rev. K A Jacob

Evg. Babykutty Pullad

Bro. Finney Premkumar

Adv. Manoj V George

Dr. Ashwathy John

Mr George Varghese

Evg. Denish Joseph

Br. Sajeeve Daniel

Newsletter

A weekly newsletter is published and distributed via email to members of the Parish, informing members of the various activities and special events.

Website

The official website of the parish is www.marthomachurch.org.uk. The site is regularly updated and has been a source of information for both our members and to others around the world. The newsletters and other information are available from the website. Internet and Email facilities are also widely used to reduce the postal cost and disseminate information to the parish members.

St Katharine Cree Church

St. Katharine Cree Church (SKCC) has been the London worship place of the Mar Thoma Church since April 1989. We are greatly indebted to the Bishop of London and the Authorities of the Guild Church of St. Katharine Cree for allowing us the use of this historical Church in the City of London. Our parish is a corporate member of the 'Friends of St. Katharine Cree' and support and participate in the various functions such as the annual Lion Sermon, Widow's mite musical concert, Carol service. We acknowledge and thank the valuable support extended to us by Rev Oliver Ross, Guild Vicar, Mr Peter Bradley and Ms Angela George, Church Wardens and Ms Huong Hoang, Administrator.

Acknowledgments

We are most grateful to all who continue to support us, especially to:

The Most Rev Dr Joseph Mar Thoma, Metropolitan,

The Archbishop of Canterbury, the Most Rev. and the Rt. Hon. Dr. Justin Welby

The Diocesan Bishop Rt. Rev Dr Isaac Mar Philoxenos, Episcopa

The Lord Bishop of London, the Rt. Rev. and the Rt. Hon. Dame Sarah Mullally.

Rev Oliver Ross, Area Dean, City of London and Rector of St Katharine Cree Church

Mr Ian Smith and Ms Debbie Tierney of Metrogas Sports Club

We acknowledge the contributions and guidance of all Lay leaders who have worked tirelessly throughout the year in the running of the church and its organisations and to all our members and friends who supported the work of the Parish with their prayers and generous financial support. We are also grateful to the Sevika Sangham, prayer groups and families who volunteer regularly to provide refreshments on Sundays after service and on special occasions.

Conclusion

During the year under review, through the regular worship services, prayer meetings, study sessions and special events and activities we have experienced God's enduring presence and Grace, especially as we were able to start construction of the new Mar Thoma centre and Parsonage complex. God has provided us timely spiritual leadership through our Vicar, visiting Bishops, Clergy, and Evangelists.

As we review, report and close activities of one year, another year of enormous possibilities are open before us. The plans for the development of Mar Thoma Centre are in place and the construction is progressing well. We now have the God given opportunity to complete the building on time and dedicate it as a place of worship for the glory of God and to fulfil the mission entrusted to us. "If you seek God, you will Build" 1 Chronicle 22: 19. We were blessed to have the services of our Vicar Stanley achen. As he comes to the end of his tenure as our vicar, we prayerfully look forward to welcoming the new vicar Rev KK Kuruvila. We can be confident that the God who has been faithful in the past will be faithful in the future and provide us the resources and leadership to fulfil our hopes and dreams for the Glory of His Kingdom.

May the Lord Almighty bless our Parish and make all our efforts for His Glory and extension of His Kingdom.

-sd-

On behalf of the Executive Committee

Noble Mathew

Parish Secretary

Place: London

Date: April 2019

ST. JAMES MAR THOMA CHURCH UK

Independent Examiner's Report on the Accounts

Report to the Trustees /members of St James Mar Thoma Church UK (Charity No. 1059210) on the accounts for the year ended 31st March 2019, which are set out on pages 20 to 26

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiners.

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 (the Act).

The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Act and an independent examination is needed.

It is our responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5) (b) of the Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to our attention.

Basis of independent examiners' statement

Our examination was carried out in accordance with the general Direction given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiners' statement

In connection with our examination, no material matters have come to our attention which gives us cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

We have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Mr Agi A Thomas
(Hon. Independent Examiner)

Mr Itzhak Mathai
(Hon. Independent Examiner)

Date:

ST. JAMES MAR THOMA CHURCH UK

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2019

		Unrestricted Fund £	Restricted Fund £	Total 2019 £	Total 2018 £
<u>Income and Expenditure</u>					
Income					
Stewardship	2	56,900		56,900	52,893
Tax refund		21,746		21,746	18,701
Offertory	3	38,917		38,917	39,622
Specific offertory and collections	3		4,435	4,435	5,397
Harvest festival	4	17,924	1,796	19,720	14,456
Christmas Carol rounds		6,970		6,970	8,593
Mar Thoma Centre donations	6	168,770		168,770	129,742
Donations		950		950	1,030
Zonal dues collection	5		1,640	1,640	317
Hire of hall and grounds		650		650	100
Sale of machinery		200		200	-
Bank interest		246		246	85
Total Income		313,273	7,871	321,144	270,936
Direct Charitable Expenditure					
Salary, tax and national insurance	17	36,623		36,623	29,919
Guest allowance		950		950	998
Provident fund & pension contributions		400		400	400
Motor and travelling expenses	10	5,913		5,913	4,558
Motor lease charges		3,488		3,488	3,508
Rent- SKCC		18,000		18,000	18,000
Insurance- SKCC		390		390	387
Specific offertory	3		4,435	4,435	5,397
Donations		350		350	-
Visiting Bishops and Clergy		1,950		1,950	2,000
Zonal dues collection	5	6,710	1,640	8,350	6,507
Diocesan Clergy & family conference	11	730		730	1,000
Ecumenical conference/COMPE		400		400	880
Printing, postage & stationery		1,682		1,682	1,295
Accommodation expenses	7	25,678		25,678	22,339
Mar Thoma Centre expenses	8	6,491		6,491	9,545
Altar expenses		212		212	166
Sundry expenses		831		831	341
Bank charges		67		67	-
Provision for Vicar's transfer cost	14	5,000		5,000	5,000
Special events and services		1,341		1,341	1,035
Church organisations	9	2,500		2,500	6,000
Conference contribution		-		-	3,000
Harvest festival expenses and grants	4	1,757	1,796	3,553	2,559
Total Expenditure		121,463	7,871	129,334	124,834
Excess of Income over Expenditure		191,810		191,810	146,102
Less: Depreciation	12	17,549		17,549	15,857
Net Surplus for the year	15	174,261		174,261	130,245

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these accounts.

ST. JAMES MAR THOMA CHURCH UK

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST MARCH 2019

	Notes	2019		2018	
FIXED ASSETS		£	£	£	£
Tangible fixed assets	12		610,188		523,043
 CURRENT ASSETS					
Cash at Bank- General		31,991		64,911	
Cash at Bank– Building Fund	15	209,918		93,951	
		241,909		158,862	
 LESS: CURRENT LIABILITIES					
Creditors & Accruals	13	47,742		53,604	
 NET CURRENT LIABILITIES					
			194,167		105,258
			804,355		628,301
Less: Provision for Vicar's transfer cost	14		10,793		10,000
 NET ASSETS					
			793,562		618,301
 Represented by:					
Unrestricted					
-General Funds	15		476,615		471,124
-Building Fund	15		313,512		144,742
Restricted					
- Social welfare Fund	15a		3,435		2,435
			793,562		618,301

Approved by the Executive Committee on _____ and signed on its behalf.

Rev Kuruvila K Kochumepurathu
(President)

Mr Reji Mathew
(Hon. Trustee)

Mr Geogy Varughese
(Hon. Trustee)

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these accounts

ST. JAMES MAR THOMA CHURCH UK
Notes to the accounts for the year ended 31st March 2019

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

a. Basis of accounting

These accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant notes to these accounts. The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued on 16 July 2014 and with the Charities Act 2011.

b. Recognition of income

Income included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) when:

- the charity becomes entitled to the resources;
- the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability

c. Tangible fixed assets for use by charity

These are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year and are valued at cost. Depreciation is provided on a straight-line basis using the following rates.

Freehold property	2% on cost
Fixtures and fittings	20% on reducing balance
Computer and other equipment	25% on reducing balance

d. Tax reclaims on donations and gifts

Gift aid receivable is included in income when there is a valid declaration from the donor.

2. STEWARDSHIP

Stewardship consists of voluntary contribution. 123 members made such contributions during the year (133 members contributed in the previous year).

3. OFFERTORY

General

	2019	2018
	£	£
Church service	13,881	12,268
Birthday, wedding anniversary and thanksgiving	12,020	12,089
Baptism	230	300
Marriage	330	200
Parish Day	5,430	5,017
Family Sunday tithe	5,481	5,062
Students Thanksgiving service	979	640
House dedication service	300	50
Uposhanavaram	266	3,996
	38,917	39,622
	38,917	39,622

Specific

Offertories and other collections made specifically during various church services were disbursed

as required.

4,435	5,397
4,435	5,397

ST. JAMES MAR THOMA CHURCH UK
Notes to the accounts for the year ended 31st March 2019

4. HARVEST FESTIVAL

Sale of tickets	6,770	6,375
Auctions	6,741	3,690
Food and games stalls	4,519	4,191
Donations	1,690	200
	<u>19,720</u>	<u>14,456</u>
Less: Expenses	(1,757)	(1,237)
	<u>17,963</u>	<u>13,219</u>

10% of the above surplus (£1,796) was distributed to the following charities:
Centre for Dialysis, Kerala, India £1,000, Notting hill Housing Charity £398 and Fist Step Children's Charity £398.

5. DIOCESAN DUES

Amounts paid for the year allocated and as follows:

	£	£
Nithyachilavu	1,350	700
Zonal Fund	2,700	4,240
Episcopal Travel	675	500
Zonal Day Collection offertory	2,025	317
Suviseshanidhi	-	500
Salary adjustment fund	250	250
Higher education Scholarship	1,350	-
	<u>8,350</u>	<u>6,507</u>

6. MAR THOMA CENTRE DONATIONS

From:		
Members	129,960	128,742
Choir	2,000	-
Sevika Sangham	5,000	-
Sunday School	2,000	-
Others	1,000	1,000
Tax refund	28,810	-
	<u>168,770</u>	<u>129,742</u>

7. ACCOMMODATION EXPENSES

Rent	19,588	16,950
Lighting & heating	1,500	1,220
Council tax & water rates	2,083	1,021
Telephone & internet	891	897
Television licence	149	133
Repairs and sundry household items	1,467	2,118
	<u>25,678</u>	<u>22,339</u>

8. MAR THOMA CENTRE EXPENSES

Rates and water	3,023	2,957
Insurance	414	1,217
Light and heat	1,987	2,848
Cleaning	386	993
Premises licence	180	180
Repairs and maintenance	501	1,350
	<u>6,491</u>	<u>9,545</u>

ST. JAMES MAR THOMA CHURCH UK
Notes to the accounts for the year ended 31st March 2019

9. CHURCH ORGANISATIONS

	£	£
Sunday school	500	4,000
VBS	500	500
Choir	250	250
Edavaka Mission	250	250
Youth League	500	500
Sevika sangham	500	500
	2,500	6,000
	2,500	6,000

10. MOTOR AND TRAVEL EXPENSES

Public transport	649	-
Fuel charges	4,953	3,282
Motor insurance	-	1,194
Motor repairs	57	-
Toll charges	254	82
	5,913	4,558
	5,913	4,558

11. DIOCESAN CLERGY AND FAMILY CONFERENCE

Provision for costs for Vicar and family to attend Clergy and Family Conferences.

12.	Freehold Property	Fixtures & Fittings	Computer & Office equipment	Total
	£	£	£	£
Cost				
At 1 st April 2018	679,886	33,364	4,788	718,038
Additions (Note 15)	103,594	-	1,100	104,694
At 31 st March 2019	783,480	33,364	5,888	822,732
Depreciation				
At 1 st April 2018	164,618	26,611	3,766	194,995
Charge for the year	15,669	1,350	530	17,549
At 31 st March 2019	180,287	27,961	4,296	212,544
Net Book Value				
At 31 st March 2019	603,193	5,403	1,592	610,188
At 31st March 2017	512,268	6,753	1,022	523,043

Freehold property relates to The Mar Thoma Centre at 167 Avery Hill Road, London SE9 2EX which has now been demolished in preparation for redevelopment of the Centre.

ST. JAMES MAR THOMA CHURCH UK
Notes to the accounts for the year ended 31st March 2019

13. CREDITORS & ACCRUALS

	2019 £	2018 £
Restricted fund	33,127	38,705
General accruals	14,615	14,899
	<u>47,742</u>	<u>53,604</u>

Included in the Restricted fund above is a legacy amount of £8,133 received from the estate of a Late member of the parish and this amount will be disbursed in accordance with his wishes.

14. PROVISION FOR VICAR'S TRANSFER COST

This is to provide for the travel and other related costs of the vicar and family, on their transfer to and from this parish.

	£
Brought forward at 1 April 2018	10,000
Paid in the year	(4,207)
Charge in the year	5,000
	<u>10,793</u>

15. MOVEMENTS IN FUNDS

	General Fund £	MTC Building Fund £	Social Welfare Fund £	Total £
Unrestricted				
At 1 April 2018	471,124	144,742		
Net surplus for the year	174,261			
Transferred to MTC Building fund	(168,770)	168,770		
At 31 March 2019	<u>476,615</u>			476,615
At 31 March 2019		<u>313,512</u>		313,512
Less: Expended this year (Note 12)		103,594		
Held at Building Fund bank account		<u>209,918</u>		
Restricted				
At 1 April 2018			2,435	
New funds received in the year			4,000	
Distributed in the year			(3,000)	
At 31 March 2019			<u>3,435</u>	3,435
				<u>793,562</u>

15a. Restricted Funds

Social Welfare Fund: This is a Fund for helping disadvantaged individuals primarily in India and the collection consists of voluntary contributions from members. The balance is held for future distributions and new contributions will be added to this Fund.

ST. JAMES MAR THOMA CHURCH UK
Notes to the accounts for the year ended 31st March 2019

16. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

	General		
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
	£	£	£
Tangible fixed assets	610,188	-	610,188
Current Assets	238,474	3,435	241,909
Current Liabilities	(47,742)	-	(47,742)
Long term liabilities and provisions	(10,793)	-	(10,793)
Assets	<u>790,127</u>	<u>3,435</u>	<u>793,562</u>

17. TRUSTEES REMUNERATION AND EXPENSES

The vicar who served the parish during the year was remunerated in accordance with the terms agreed prior to the appointment. The charge in the accounts include net stipend to the vicar of £18,000, tax and national insurance contributions on the stipend and on the value of taxable benefits in kind of £18,623.

The vicar who also acts as manager of the Mar Thoma Centre is provided with accommodation and all expenses incurred on pastoral and management duties were reimbursed to him.

Except for the above, no remuneration, either directly or indirectly, out of the fund of the church was paid or payable for the year, to any trustee nor to any person or persons known to be connected with any trustees. No expenses were reimbursed to trustees for carrying out their duties during the year.

18. POST BALANCE SHEET EVENT

Following the appointment of the builders for the redevelopment of the Mar Thoma Centre for an amount of £1,349,000, a new bank loan of £980,000 was secured from Bank of India, London branch. The loan facility will be available for draw down based on periodic project valuation certificate and is secured on the above property together with personal guarantees given by two of our members.